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SUBJ: GAMBIAN TENTH ANNIVERSARY

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1. ALL STATES WITH WHICH THE GAMBIA HAS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO TENTH ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE

2. ONLY CHIEF OF STATE INVITED IS COL QHADAFI OF LIBYA. GOTG REPORTS HE HAS ACCEPTED.

3. ALL NEIGHBORING WEST AFRICAN STATES, SOME FIVE IN EAST/ SOUTHERN AFRICA (BOTSWANA, ZAMBIA, TANZANIA, KENYA AND UGANDA PLUS U.S., EUROPEAN AND ASIAN (BOTH RVN AND PRC) COUNTRIES INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES. MOST WEST AFRICAN STATES LIKELY TO BE REPRESENTED BY A SENIOR MINISTER; OTHERS BY AMBASSADOR ACCREDITED TO BANJUL NO MATTER WHERE RESIDENT.

4. DUE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP, UK MINISTER FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT INVITED. PROSPECTS NOW THAT UK WILL BE REPRESENTED BY A SENIOR MINISTER. ADDITIONALLY, BRITISH SER-

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SENT BY JUNIOR MINISTER. ADDITIONALLY, BRITISH SER-

VICE BAND, DRILL TEAM OR SKY DIVERS (AS AVAILABLE) WILL BE BROUGHT IN BY RAF TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT. ROYAL NAVY SHIP VISIT UNLIKELY SINCE NONE EXPECTED TO BE IN VICINITY. BRITISH CALEDONIAN AIRWAYS SPONSORING GOLF TOURNAMENT AND BRINGING FOUR PROFESSIONALS FROM UK. SON OF FORMER LIBERIAN PRESIDENT TUBMAN INVITED BY PRESIDENT JAWARA TO PARTICIPATE AS ARE SEVERAL OTHER TALENTED AND PROMINENT AMATEURS.

5. WOULD APPEAR APPROPRIATE FOR U.S. TO BE REPRESENTED BY ASST SECSTATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS OR SENIOR DEPUTY. U.S. AUTHOR ALEX HALEY REPORTEDLY INVITED AND EXPECTED TO ATTEND.

6. PROGRAM PLANNED FOR PERIOD FEB 17-19 AS FOLLOWS:

MONDAY A.M. - PRINCIPAL GUESTS ARRIVE. OPENING OF CULTURAL EXHIBITION BY MINISTER OF EDUCATION, YOUTH AND SPORTS. THROUGHOUT THE DAY - ATHLETIC EVENTS. EVENING RECEPTION AT STATE HOUSE.

TUESDAY 8:00 A.M. - PARADE, SPEECHES AT MACCARTHY SQUARE. AFTERNOON - ATHLETIC EVENTS. TUESDAY P.M. - STATE HOUSE DINNER. EVENING FANAL (ILLUMINATED FLOATS) PARADE, DANCING, DRUMMING, ETC.

WEDNESDAY - DURBAR OF CHIEFS AT BRIKAMA. PRESIDENT FORD S REPRESENTATIVE COULD ARRIVE MONDAY AFTERNOON AND DEPART WEDNESDAY A.M. AND TAKE IN ALL MAJOR EVENTS.

7. DUE DELAYS IN CONSTRUCTION AND RECEIPT OF FURNITURE FROM GSA HOPED-FOR DEDICATION OF NEW CHANCERY PREMISES BY USREP FADING BT WILL CERTAINLY BE IN CONDITION FOR INSPECTION AND SMALL RECEPTION ON PREMISES, IF DESIRED. ADVISE. MCFARLAND

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